

Help From Australia

1599. SHRI R./SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are proposing to take help/co-operation from any foreign country viz. Australia to co-operate in the development of system for providing better facilities to the socially disabled and backward persons; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Assistance for Agriculture Development

1600. SHRI MURLIDHAR JENA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of assistance given to the States and Union territories for the development of Agriculture during the each of last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether some State Government have demanded more assistance during the current year for the purpose and submitted some proposals in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.

Demolition of Houses in Mahavir Enclave

1601. SHRI PITAMBAR PASWAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some persons were killed and a number of persons injured in a police firing recently on the demonstrators protesting against the demolition by the DDA in Mahavir Enclave of the Dabri Area in South West Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have inquired into circumstances leading to the police firing;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MODH, MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. An operation for demolition of certain unauthorisedly built structure on Gram Sabha land of

village Nasirpur was carried out on 14.10.1996. as the operation could not be concluded on the same day, it was decided to demolish the remaining structures on the following day. However, before the demolition could be resumed, a large mob assembled near the Police Station Dabri early in the morning to protest against further demolition. This mob was dispersed but some miscreants from the retreating mob indulged in arson and violence. At Vijay Enclave, a huge mob surrounded a police party which being heavily out-numbered failed to contain the violence and had to resort to a limited firing in which two persons were killed and 14 others were injured.

(c) to (e). The Lt. Governor of Delhi has ordered an inquiry into the incident.

Import of Wastes

1602. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether inspite of criticism by the experts the Government have banned the import of wastes; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). No Sir. The Government of India have issued a draft notification, dated 27th September, 1996 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to prohibit the imports of only arsenic, cyanide and mercury bearing wastes. Objections against the imposition of the aforesaid prohibition have been invited. The same shall be finalised upon expiry of 90 days from the date of publication.

[Translation]

Environmental Awareness

1603. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce environmental education at the school level in order to create awareness among all about the environment;

(b) if so, the contribution of the Government and non-Government agencies publishing papers and Journals on the environment; and

(c) the details of the institutions working practically for the protection of environment in the country and the action taken by the Government to encourage them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (c). Environmental education has, in the National Policy on Education, 1986, been made an integral part of the curricula at all stages of education. State Governments/Union Territory

administrations are assisted for the review and development of appropriate texts incorporating environmental matters suitably. They are also assisted, along with non-governmental organisations, for conducting experimental innovative programmes aimed at integrating local environmental conditions into educational programmes at schools.

The Centres of Excellence with the Ministry of Environment & Forests and other autonomous bodies help in creation of awareness and contribute to research and training on environmental issues. a large number of non-governmental organisation are also active in the creation of awareness and the protection of the environment. These bodies are assisted by way of resource materials and grants.

[English]

Regional Research Centre of ICAR in Sikkim

1604. SHRI BHIM PRASAD DAHAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) since when the Regional Research Centre of Indian Council of Agricultural Research has been instituted in Sikkim;

(b) the new agricultural/horticultural varieties or strains developed in Sikkim by the ICAR, Gangtok; and

(c) the overall contribution of the Institution in Sikkim over this period?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) In July, 1976, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) sanctioned a project for the establishment of an Agricultural and Animal Sciences Research Centre in Sikkim under the administrative control of ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Shillong.

(b) and (c). In the disciplines of Agricultural/ Horticulture, work on Paddy, Maize, Pulses, Large Cardamom, Guava, Banana, Strawberry, Turmeric and Vegetable Crops have been in progress. The list of recommended varieties is given in the Statement attached. Since its inception, the Sikkim Centre has been pursuing research in the disciplines of Plant Breeding, Agronomy, Soil Science, Horticulture, Plant Pathology, Entomology and Agroforestry.

STATEMENT

(Recommended Varieties by Sikkim Centre)

I. Agriculture

- Paddy : Upland : IRAT-144, IRAT-109, CSR-80 Lowland : DR-92, Giza-14, CSR-80, IET-1444.

- Maize	: NLD white Popcorn : Complex pop-l.
- Urad	: TAU-2, TAU-1.
- Rajmash	: Short Duration : Kin-1, Kin-2 Dwarf Type, Pole Type : RCR-2, JK-1, JK-2
- Fieldpea	: JP-829, DDR-1, DMR-7
- Rice Bean	: RCR-64, DD RCR-66, SBS-2
- Board Bean	: Dholi-5, Dholi-6, SBS-2
- Rai	: DIR-4128, RED-3, RSM-105
- Toria	: NDT 8501-1, TW 685-1, PT-854-1
- Yellow Sarson	: SS-2, SS-3, YSP-843, SS-1
- Linseed	: JCK-21, T-397

Horticulture

- An improved technique for raising large cardamom seedlings has been standarised. Planting of 'Dzongu-Golsey' clonal material in Chirkey epidemic areas and 'Bebo' in Foorkey epidemic areas has been found quite tolerant. 'Pink Golsery' a high yielding clonal cultivar has been found suitable for both mid and higher altitudes. A green cardamom type (Clone-4) has been found promising in capsule characteristics, for whole capsule use in culinary and confectionaries.
- Turmeric varieties 'G.L. Puram' and 'Daghi' have been found promising.
- Guava varieties for Red fleshed, L-49 and Allahabad Safeda were found suitable for mid hills of Sikkim.
- Banna var. Nepalikera was found suitable for mid hills. Application of 500 gm Urea, 250 gm SSP and 500 gm MOP per banana clump may be given for better growth.
- Strawberry varieties, tioge, majestic, Northwest and Phenomenol were found suitable at mid hills of Sikkim. Strawberry may be intercropped with frenchbean varieties contender and Kentucky Wonder.

Vegetable Varieties

Frenchbean Dwarf : Pusa, Parvati, Arkakomal, Materpiece, Contender Pole type : Singtame (Local), Kentucky Wonder

Capeicum HC-291 KT-1

Okra Japanese round; Pusa Sawni, Panchadharli, Parbhanikrahi.

Radish Japanese White, Kalimpng red, Pusahimani, Pusachetaki (early)